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CASE STUDY

“From academics to administration, we’re dependent on communications technology. We need cost-effective and reliable services, and we get them from Great Plains Communications.”

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PRESIDENT
CHADRON STATE COLLEGE

COMPANY

Chadron State College

LOCATION

Chadron, NE

INDUSTRY

Education

SERVICES

Chadron State College is the only four-year, regionally-accredited college in the western half of Nebraska. The college offers bachelor’s and master’s degrees through on-campus and online courses.

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Chadron State College relies heavily on communications technology to keep its students, faculty, and administration connected. In order to keep up to speed with today’s technology, Great Plains Communications currently services the college with:

- » 500 mbps Ethernet connection to the State of Nebraska’s data center in Omaha
- » High-speed Internet on campus
- » Primary Rate Interface (PRI) with bulk caller-ID in addition to analog telephone lines
- » Statewide channel to Great Plains Communications cable TV exchanges
- » HD cable TV service to all on-campus common areas including dorm common areas

“One of the things the 500 mbps Ethernet does for CSC is provide redundancy for our connections. We switch back and forth between our pipelines with our failover system. It works seamlessly and is undetectable by users. Since so many things on campus are dependent on communications technology, it has to keep working.”

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In addition to Internet and phone services, Great Plains Communications also helped install fiber to the football and softball fields on campus and mapped out the college’s fiber network. The company also assisted with the fiber installation for the Rangeland Complex and Eagle Ridge dorms.

These building projects addressed the growing needs of Chadron State College students. Enrollment there has risen, and to keep pace with this growth Great Plains Communications provides reliable services over fiber that are quickly and easily scalable.

Chadron State College utilizes the reliable services from Great Plains Communications to expand their learning territory. Distance

education goes back many years for the college as it tried to serve its large service region. Previously the college would send faculty to other locations to offer courses. Now, web-based learning has taken over and is a more efficient means for course delivery. The institution has been recognized for its excellence in distance education and now offers more than 160 courses online.

Chadron State College also helps faraway family members watch live campus events through the use of its webcast program.

"We're ahead of many colleges in our use of technology to webcast student activities. We webcast musical performances, for instance, so relatives of the performing students can watch the concert or play from wherever they live. This enables parents, grandparents, siblings and other relatives to feel like they're in the audience. The same goes for our sporting events, using the America One Sports network."

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While in the process of expanding the college's webcast events, Chadron State College asked Great Plains Communications to help get our athletic and performance arts facilities connected to the college fiber backbone. The company came through and gave the college really great connections for these live-stream events.

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